



BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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"I have not yet begun to fight!"



GROUP REENLISTMENT IS ELECTRIFYING

Story by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins

One of the most important aspects of being part of the Navy is realizing that no individual is alone. They are a part of a team. Five of USS BONHOMME RICHARD's (LHD 6) First Class Electrician's Mate's (EM1's) wanted everyone to know they were a part of that team, so they decided to reenlist together on April 27, surrounded by co-workers and friends from the crew.

EM1 Fredelito C. Arellano, from Tarlac, Republic of the Philippines, has been in the Navy more than 13 years. He said he joined the Navy for adventure. Arellano likes the Navy because, "It brings you to a lot of different places around the world and you meet people of different cultures, all for free. At the same time, you are serving your country." He enjoys the technical experience that his job has given him as well.

"The quality of life and advancement opportunities in the Navy continue to improve," said Arellano.

EM1 Seraphine D. Mendoza, a San Diego native, is only six years away from retirement. When asked why he wanted all five to reenlist as a group, he said, "I wanted to be recognized not as an individual, but as a member of a team, E-division."

Mendoza enjoys the challenges his job poses from day to day, and also the benefits of being in the

military. "I can apply my work knowledge at home, and one day in the civilian world. Those types of jobs are in demand."

EM1 Rodolfo B. Rufo's hometown is also San Diego. He has given the Navy more than 14 years of service, and just promised two more. Rufo agreed with Mendoza about E-division. "We have a certain camaraderie within the division, so we decided to reenlistment together."

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CINCO DE MAYO



Lance Cpl. Silva, Aviation Support Equipment Technician Third Class Torres, Capt. Connelly and Lance Cpl. Ulloa cut a "Mexican Flag" cake during USS BONHOMME RICHARD's (LHD 6) Cinco de Mayo celebration at Wednesday evenings meal. (Photo by PH3 Timothy Comerford.)

*The Multi-Cultural Committee would like to thank the following personnel for their participation in the Cinco de Mayo festivities May 4. Your hard work, long hours, and out-of-this-world food made it a memorable day for everyone. **THANK YOU...***

| NAME | RANK | DIV | NAME | RANK | DIV |
|-------------|-------|--------------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| PABON | IT2 | CR02 | ROJAS | DC2 | R |
| MOLINA | SGT | CC | ULLOA | LCPL | CC |
| CORTEZ | SGT | CC | MUNIZ | CPL | CC |
| LONGORIA | BM2 | 1 ST DV | ORTIZ | LCPL | CC |
| APODACA | ACAA | OC | RADLEY | CPL | CC |
| ROMAN | ABH3 | V-1 | LUERA | ABHAN | V-1 |
| HERRERA | AMS2 | HC11 | ORTA | CPL | CC |
| GARCIA | AS2 | AIMD | MEDINA | LCPL | CC |
| ORTEGA | CPL | BLT 1/4 | ADAMES | CPL | CC |
| ENRIQUEZ | LCPL | CC | GLASSPOOL | CPL | CC |
| MEDINA | LCPL | BLT 1/4 | MORNES | LCPL | CC |
| KENDRICK | MS1 | S-2 | HENRIQUEZ | ITSN | CR02 |
| LAGUNA | SSGT | ACE | LOPEZ | OS3 | OI |
| MACEDO | SGT | ACE | SOTO | OS3 | OI |
| SILVA | LCPL | S-2 | ROSA | LCPL | BLT COMM |
| HERNANDEZ | EMFN | E-DV | CARIZALES | CPL | BLT S-1 |
| GUITIERREZ | MM3 | MP14 | | | |
| QUINTANILLA | IC3 | CI | | | |
| NAVARRO | SMSN | NAV | | | |
| GARCIA | SA | NAV | | | |
| SILVA | SN | 2 ND DV | | | |
| CASTANEDA | SA | 2 ND DV | | | |
| SILVA | IT3 | CR02 | | | |
| LONG | MS3 | S-2 | | | |
| SCHNELL | MS2 | S-2 | | | |
| NOBLE | CTRSN | S-2 | | | |

STOCK MARKET

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|---------|-----------|------|-------|
| DOW | 10,413.12 | DOWN | 67.01 |
| NASDAQ | 3,720.24 | UP | 12.93 |
| S&P 500 | 1,408.53 | DOWN | 6.57 |
| NYSE | 631.47 | DOWN | 0.44 |

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SATURDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE

CHANNEL 2

1030 THAT 70'S SHOW
1100 TERMS OF ENDEARMENT
1630 WWF SUPERSTARS
1730 KING OF THE HILL
1800 SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE
1930 CRIMSON TIDE
2200 DANGEROUS BEAUTY

CHANNEL 6

1030 ENTERTAINERS
1100 OUT TO SEA
1630 MEN IN BLACK
1800 THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR
2000 THE BACHELOR
2200 STIGMATA

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

NATIONAL NEWS

CARDINAL JOHN O'CONNOR HAS HEART ATTACK, DIES

By Peter Steinfelds

Cardinal John O'Connor, the archbishop of the New York archdiocese's 2.37 million Catholics and the Vatican's most forceful spokesman in the United States, died Wednesday night at his residence around the corner from St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was 80 years old. O'Connor died of cardiopulmonary arrest at 8:05 p.m., said his spokesman, Joseph Zwilling. The death, he said, was "the result of the tumor and the cancer that he was suffering from."

O'Connor came to New York in 1984 as a relatively unknown bishop from Pennsylvania. But after 16 years he had become a familiar and towering presence, a leader whose views and personality were forcefully injected into the great civic debates of his time. In late August of last year, doctors removed a tumor from the surface of his brain. The cardinal returned to his duties, but his recuperation was marred by setbacks.

He paid a farewell visit in February to a frail Pope John Paul II in Rome. The cardinal's failing health diminished his public appearances, but it did not diminish his stature as one of the church's most powerful symbols on moral and political issues.

The cardinal was outspoken in

his opposition to abortion, the issue that shaped his tenure. He was unconditional in upholding Catholic teachings on topics like homosexuality and the ordination of women. And he was unwavering in his loyalty to the pope.

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When asked how he felt about the military, Rufo said, "I like the Navy. I get to go places and meet a whole lot of people. Some of them become my friends, maybe for a lifetime."

EM1 Paulino N. Tajaro Jr., with 11 years in the Navy, put on first class just months before his reenlistment. He is originally from Manilla, Republic of the Philippines, where he joined the Navy for an adventure, just like Arellano. He also agreed with his shipmates that the best part of the job is the challenge.

EM1 Cirilo C. Tan is from Dededo, Guam. He has served in the Navy for 14 years and jokingly said that the group reenlistment idea all started with " . . . a bottle of beer." He enjoys a good Navy cheeseburger and likes to encourage newcomers to the Navy by telling them the same thing he was told when he first joined the Navy. "Son, it will get better. Just hang in there."

The Navy is one big team; all working together to keep family and friends back home safe. When it came reenlistment time, Arellano, Mendoza, Rufo, Tajaro and Tan all saw it as a good chance to show everyone what a close team they are, and to set an example for others of what kind of team all Sailors can be.

CONGRATULATIONS

Enlisted Aviation

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

TESTIMONY BEGINS IN BRITIAN'S MASS MURDER CASE

By Donald G. Mcneil Jr.

Nearly 12 years after a jumbo jet blew up in the skies of Scotland, raining bodies and flaming debris on the village of Lockerbie, the trial of two Libyans accused of planting a bomb on the plane got under way.

With 270 victims, it is the largest mass murder case in British history, and the first Scottish murder trial to use judges instead of a jury. Years of diplomatic maneuvering allowed the suspects to be brought to trial while Libya's dictator, Moammar Gadhafi, could still claim that he never handed them over to Libya's enemies.

The first witness was Richard James Dawson, an air traffic controller. Dawson described the air routes around Heathrow Airport near London, from which Pan Am Flight 103 took off shortly before it blew up at about 7:03 p.m. Dec. 21, 1988.

The prosecution has a list of more than 1,000 witnesses, and the trial of Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah is expected to last a year or more.

The men are accused of stealing airline luggage tags at Luqa Airport in Malta, then bringing to Malta a suitcase and a Toshiba portable stereo packed with plastic explosive and a timer. They bought clothing and an umbrella in Malta, the prosecution contends, packed them around the bomb, put them in the suitcase and checked it aboard Air Malta KM180 tagged so that it would go through Frankfurt, London and on to New York on Pan Am 103.

Pan Am 103 blew up just after crossing the Solway Firth in Scotland at 31,000 feet. In a 14-line document read out before testimony began, the defense notified the prosecution that it planned to blame the crime on a Syrian-backed Palestinian group.

HOSTAGES KILLED IN PHILIPPINES

By Associated Press

Four hostages were found dead, shot execution-style and some mutilated, after Muslim rebels holding 27 captives stumbled across Philippine troops near a river crossing and both sides opened fire. Many of the hostages were children seized from a school. Fifteen children and their teachers were rescued after the gun-fight in Basilan Province, but officials said others were taken away by the fleeing Abu Sayyaf rebels.

SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES:

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|---------------|----|------------|---|
| ANAHEIM | 8 | BALTIMORE | 5 |
| TORONTO | 8 | CLEVELAND | 5 |
| TAMPA BAY | 8 | TEXAS | 7 |
| DETROIT | 8 | MINNESOTA | 6 |
| PITTSBURGH | 8 | ST. LOUIS | 5 |
| HOUSTON | 6 | CHI. CUBS | 2 |
| PHILADELPHIA | 14 | CINCINNATI | 1 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 7 | NY METS | 2 |
| ARIZONA | 6 | MILWAUKEE | 2 |

BASKETBALL SCORE:

INDIANA 96 MILWAUKEE 95
(INDIANA WINS SERIES 3-2)

HOCKEY SCORE:

PHILADELPHIA 2 PITTSBURGH 1
(SERIES TIED 2-2)

GUARD 2000 PROGRAM OFFERS MORE OPTIONS

By Chief of Naval Personnel and Naval Personnel Command Public Affairs

Negotiating for orders can be a tug-of-war between a Sailor's wants and the Navy's needs. Now, an old program with some new twists and a new name is helping Sailors and detailers find mutually agreeable assignments.

The Guaranteed Assignment Retention Detailing (GUARD) program has been revitalized and improved by providing first-term Sailors with more options when they reach their End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS). GUARD 2000, recently announced in NAVADMIN 083/00 and effective immediately, is focused on easing the transition from a downsizing force to a retention force.

The previous program, GUARD III, provided guaranteed assignment to choice of homeport/duty station or ship type in exchange for a four, five, or six-year enlistment. It was available twice during a 25-year career; at the end of the first enlistment, and at the end of any other enlistment, up to 25 years of service. GUARD III had no duty sea duty waivers, and there was limited applicability to low-priority requisitions.

The new GUARD 2000 program allows Prescribed Sea Tour (PST) waivers of up to 18 months for first-term Sailors on a case-by-case basis and gives detailers greater flexibility in assigning Sailors to lower priority billets. Waiver guidelines are being constantly reviewed and revised to ensure they are responsive to the needs of the Navy, while

considering the desires of the individual Sailor.

The new program offers guaranteed assignment to choice of homeport/duty station or ship type in exchange for a four, five or six-year enlistment. In addition, GUARD 2000 is available twice during a 20-year career; at the end of the first enlistment, and at the end of any other enlistment, up to 17 years of service. Waivers and requisition priority guidelines are being kept as flexible as possible," said CDR David Rued, Admin/Deck/Supply Enlisted Assignments Branch Head at NAVPERSCOM.

"This is necessary because of the many variables that exist among the ratings. The key to the success of this program is communication between the Sailors and their detailers before the 1306/7 is submitted," Rued emphasized.

Considerations in approving a GUARD 2000 request include manning of the rating/paygrade; amount of PST being waived; length of service obligation (with a view toward ensuring a follow-on sea tour), and priority of billets that satisfy the request. Maintaining recruiting billets fully manned continues to be a high priority, and volunteers for recruiting duty will be given maximum consideration for the greatest sea tour waivers with the minimum obligated service required. For more information on GUARD 2000, please see NAVADMIN 083/00, available on the Navy Personnel Command/BUPERS website.